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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5557

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORATO

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP  
8 TFW UBON  
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS  
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW,  
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/7) ; MACHAI FOR J-2  
AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA  
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 27 AUGUST 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 5863

I. MILITARY SITUATION:

A. MR'S III AND V: NO CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS REPORTED  
AUGUST 24-27.

RP B. MR-I: MINOR GROUND ATTACK OCCURRED 20 KMS  
NORTHWEST OF XIENG LOM AUGUST 20 WHEN FIFTEEN ENEMY  
PROBED FRIENDLY UNIT POSITIONS. NO CASUALTIES.

C. MR-II: ON AUGUST 23, ENEMY-INITIATED MINOR  
GROND ATTACK AND ATTACK BY FIRE TOOK PLACE 51 KMS  
WEST/NORTHWEST OF SAN SOAK, WHEN UNKNOWN-SIZED  
ENEMY FORCE, SUPPORTED BY MORTARS, ATTACKED FRIENDLY  
POSITIONS NEAR JULIET HELICOPTER PAD. FOUR ENEMY KIA.

D. MR-IV: ENEMY-INITIATED MINOR GROUND ATTACK  
OCCURRED 23 KMS NORTH/NORTHWEST OF KHONG SEDONE ON  
AUGUST 23, WHEN ENEMY PLATOON CLASHED WITH FIRENDLY  
SQUAD. FRIENDS HAD ONE WIA AND ENEMY FIVE WIA. AGAIN,  
ON AUGUST 23, TWO FRIENDLY COMPANIES FOUGHT ESTIMATED  
PL/NVA COMPANY 8 KMS NORTH/NORTHWEST OF KHONG ISLAND.  
NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

E. NO RLAF COMBAT SORTIES REPORTED DURING AUGUST  
24-27.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. DEPSITE SOME EXPECTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, THE  
PROTOCOL TO THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN  
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INITIALED. LPF PLENIPOTENTIARY PHOUMI VONGVICHIT MET  
BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER MORNING AUGUST 24; BUT  
SHORTLY THEREAFTER PRIME MINISTER AND RLG NEGOTIATOR  
PHENG PHONGSAVAN EMPLANED FOR LUANG PRABANG TO ATTEND  
ANNUAL RICE GROWING FESTIVAL AND BOAT RACES, WHICH  
CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST 15 WLPCUCYER#ACTORS IN LAOS  
WILL BE IN LUANG PRABANG FOR THIS AFFAIR AND THEREFORE  
ANY NEGOTIATING DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT TWO DAYS WILL

OCCUR IN THE ROYAL CAPTIAL.

B. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIST NEWS SOURCES, THE LPF  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED THOONG CHAN UPALAVAN HEAD  
OF THE LPF REPRESENTATION TO THE "PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION" (PRG). THE REPORT  
SAID THAT THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO PRG  
PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU THO TOOK PLACE AUGUST 17 AT  
"A PLACE IN THE AREA UNDER PRG CONTROL."  
DEAN

NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED. WILL BE SERVICED UPON REQUEST.

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